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Meſſieurs RICHARDS and COMPANY,

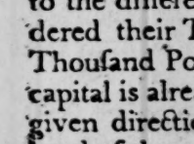
WE wiſh to inform the public through the channel of your paper, that laws, on ſimilar principles, have paſſed the Aſſemblies of Virginia and Maryland, for eſtabliſhing a Company to open and extend the navigation of the River Potomack, by which the ſaid Company are allowed to raiſe by Subſcription a capital ſtock of Fifty Thouſand Pounds, ſterling, for completing the ſaid work, in ſhares not leſs than One Hundred Pounds, ſterling, each. It is ſtipulated that the work ſhall begin in one year after the Company is formed, and the River made navigable from the higheſt part of the North-Branch, that has water ſufficient, to the Great Falls in three years, and be completed from thence to tide-water in ten years after the ſaid Company is formed; and for their encouragement the Company are veſted in perpetuity with tolls, agreeably to the Act.

The Collectors are veſted with power ſufficient to enforce the payment of the tolls. The property inveſted in this fund is declared to be real eſtate, and the ſame is to be for ever free from payment of any tax, impoſition or aſſeſſment whatſoever. The probability of ſucceſs in this buſineſs has been ſo well aſcertained to the different Aſſemblies, that they have each ordered their Treaſurer to ſubſcribe for the State Five Thouſand Pounds, ſterling, ſo that one fifth of the capital is already ſecured. The two States have alſo given directions to have a wide road cut from the head of the navigation on the North-Branch to the moſt convenient head waters of the Ohio, by which ſuch an eaſy, extenſive and inland intercourſe will be opened as has not yet been diſcovered; and what is farther encouraging it opens a communication with a country that is ſaid to be the moſt healthy, commodious and fertile of any in America. Hence the great advantages that muſt inevitably flow to our country, from the ſucceſs of this ſcheme, joined to the private emoluments that are like to accrue to the adventurers, afford ſuch great encouragement, that we doubt not the remaining ſubſcriptions will ſoon be filled up. Books are now opened for this purpoſe at the city of Richmond by Jaquelin Ambler and John Beckley, Eſquires; Joſeph Holmes and Edward Smith, Eſquires, at Wincheſter, and by the Subſcribers at Alexandria. The books will be continued open till the 10th of May next, and a general meeting of the ſubſcribers called on the 17th of ſaid month, to chooſe a Preſident and Directors for carrying on the work.

JOHN FITZGERALD,
WILLIAM HARTSHORNE.

Alexandria, March 9, 1785.

FOR LONDON,



THE Ship ASTREA, a fine faſt ſailing ſhip with good accommodations for paſſengers.—She is expected to ſail by the middle of April, and will take 200 hogſheads on freight at £. 7 ſterling, per ton, with liberty of conſignment.—For freight or paſſage apply to Capt. NATHANIEL WEST, on board, at Conway's wharff, or to WILLIAM HARTSHORNE and COMPANY.

Alexandria, March 3, 1785.

N. B. Captain Weſt has a few hogſheads of good Engliſh ſugar and coffee for ſale on board ſaid ſhip.

WANTED,

A Perſon to take charge of a Mill, Bake-Houſe and intereſt adjoining, conſiſting of valuable meadows and ſome upland, diſtant about 20 miles from Alexandria; a ſingle man well recommended, will only anſwer,—The above intereſt will be let, with or without the ſtock on it, if an agreeable offer is made in a few weeks.——Apply to Colonel FITZGERALD.

Alexandria, March 8, 1785.

Jonathan Swift and Co.

TAKE the earlieſt opportunity to inform their friends and cuſtomers in town and country, that they have received, per the ſhip Ceres, Captain St. Barb, from London (via Boſton) an additional aſſortment of European GOODS, which they will diſpoſe of at a moderate advance for caſh, bills of exchange or tobacco.—They have received, per the ſhip Triton from Boſton, Weſt-India and New-England rum, molaſſes, Port wine, tea, coffee, chocolate, allſpice, cheeſe, butter, ſoap, candles, beef, mackerel, mens' and womens' leather ſhoes, womens' coarſe calamanco and laſting ſhoes; a few tons of iron hollow ware, and many other articles.—They diſcount 2½ per cent. for ready-money, and give the market price as uſual, in caſh or goods, for good tobacco.

Alexandria, March 5, 1785.

FOR LIVERPOOL,

THE Ship RAPPAHANNOCK, MARK TOWELL, Maſter. She is a fine new ſhip, between 3 and 400 hogſheads of tobacco burthen, is now ready to begin to load at Frederickſburg, will take in 150 hogſheads on freight, with liberty of conſignment, at £. 7, ſterling, per ton, delivered along-ſide; the remaining part of her cargo being engaged it is expected ſhe will ſail in all March or very early in April,—She has excellent accommodations for paſſengers.

I intend to Liverpool in this ſhip, and to return in her ſo as to be here early in September with a fall cargo, ſhall be happy to execute any commands my friends and acquaintance chooſe to favor me with, in which ſhall endeavour to give them ſatisfaction.—For freight or paſſage apply to the ſubſcriber.

I earneſtly requeſt all thoſe indebted to me by bond or open account to make immediate payment, or at leaſt a ſettlement before the firſt of April, thoſe who do not may expect them put into the hands of an attorney.

JOHN BROWNLOW.

Frederickſburg, March 2, 1785.

N. B. I have for ſale about £. 2000 ſterling coſt of European Goods, and a conſiderable quantity of Weſt-India Goods, upon the loweſt terms, as I mean to break up my ſtore, and a SLOOP about 70 hogſheads burthen, 8 years old and well found; alſo, an excellent PHAETON and pair of HORSES.

J. BROWNLOW.

ALL perſons indebted to the eſtate of Mr. THOMAS KIRKPATRICK, deceaſed, are requeſted to make immediate payment, or their accounts and bonds will be put into the hands of an attorney; and all thoſe who have claims againſt the eſtate are deſired to bring them in, that they may be adjuſted and paid.

ROBERT ADAM,
ROBERT M'CREA,
JOHN GIBSON,
WILLIAM HUNTER, jun. } Executors.

Alexandria, March 2, 1785.

JOHN HUFF,

Poſt-Rider from Wincheſter to Alexandria.

RETURNS his thanks to the gentlemen who have encouraged him in his undertaking, and hopes his conduct and punctuality have been ſuch as merit future encouragement.——He makes no doubt they are ſenſible of the mutual advantages, which both towns, as well as the intervening places, have received, by a regular conveyance, and wiſhes to inform them that he purpoſes, with their patronage, to engage for another year.—Subſcriptions are taken in at Mr. M'Guire's tavern, Wincheſter; at Mr. Roper's tavern, Leeſburg; and at the Printing-Office, Alexandria.

M'Crea *and* Meaſe,

Have for Sale on the moſt reaſonable Terms,

A Quantity of Dry LISBON SALT, and an Aſſortment of DRY-GOODS.—Alſo, ſeveral ſmall LOTS, on the moſt principal Streets in this Town.

Alexandria, March 8, 1785.

TO BE SOLD, BY

Porter and Ingraham,

MOLASSES per hogſhead, New-England rum and ſugar per hogſhead or barrel.—They have remaining on hand a neat and general aſſortment of European GOODS, which they will ſell by wholeſale or retail, at a very moderate advance, for caſh or produce.

Alexandria, March 7, 1785.

FOR SALE,

A LOT of GROUND in Alexandria, ſituated on Fairfax-ſtreet, about 39 feet in front by 123 feet in depth, with the conveniency of a 10 feet alley.—On the Lot is a STORE with a counting room, a back ſhed, a good cellar, and alſo a ſtable. The whole at preſent occupied by Meſſrs. Hunter, Alliſon and Company.

Alſo a LOT of GROUND in Dumfries, near the landing, containing 122 feet in front by 108 feet in depth, on which is a brick houſe 54 feet by 28, a granary and bale-houſe each 30 by 18 (which may at a ſmall expence be converted into ſtores) and a good ſtable.——The whole will be ſold together or ſeparately as purchaſers may incline.

And to be Let on Ground-Rent for ever, a LOT in Alexandria, containing 44 feet on Fairfax-ſtreet, and 123 feet on Gibbon-Street.—For terms apply to

WILLIAM WILSON.

Alexandria, March 8, 1785.

FOR SALE,

A LOT of GROUND, valuably ſituated on the eaſt ſide of Royal-ſtreet, between King and Prince ſtreets, containing 22 feet in front and running back 70 feet, ſubject to a ſmall ground-rent.—A purchaſer of the Lot may have with it at coſt, about 4000 feet of ſcantling, properly ſized for a two ſtory brick houſe and kitchen, a hundred tons of good building ſtone, the moſt part drawn to the Lot, and near a thouſand buſhels of ſhells for lime.

Likewiſe an unimproved well ſituated LOT of GROUND, having a weſt front of 25 feet on St. Aſaph's-ſtreet, and running back 95 feet 5 inches between Wolf and Wilkes's ſtreets, clear of ground-rent.—A ſpecial warrant will be given the purchaſer.—The terms are ready caſh, for which it may be had very cheap.

Alſo, a valuable LOT of GROUND in the town of Norfolk, containing 90 feet by 113 in Glaſgow-Square, well ſituated for any kind of public buſineſs.—Terms, a credit for half the purchaſe-money, or ſaleable merchandiſe for the whole, will be received in payment, and a good title made thereto.——Inquire of

C. COPPER.

☞ For want of employ—A Virginia born Negro BOY about 15 years of age; he is an active lively lad, a complete waiter and underſtands taking care of horſes.

Alexandria, March 8, 1785.

Left on the Counter of Meſſieurs Shreve and Lawraſon's Store.

AN Auditor's Intereſt Certificate.—The owner may have it again by applying at ſaid ſtore, and paying the charge of this advertiſement.

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

Juſt received, and to be Sold on the moſt reaſonable Terms, at the Printing-Office,

A Variety of elegant PAPER-HANGINGS,

RICHMOND.

In the HOUSE of DELEGATES, Friday the 24th of December, 1784.

A MOTION was made, and the queſtion being put that the third reading of the engroſſed Bill eſtabliſhing a proviſion for the teachers of the Chriſtian religion, be poſtponed until the fourth Thurſday in November next.

It was reſolved in the affirmative. Ayes 45. Noes 38.

On a motion made by Mr. Brackenridge, and ſeconded by Mr. Zane;

Ordered, That the names of the ayes and noes on the foregoing queſtion be inſerted in the journal.

The names of thoſe who voted in the affirmative, are Wilſon Cary Nicholas, Edward Carter, Samuel Sherwin, Nicholas Cabell, Michael Bowyer, Zachariah Johnſton, John Trigg, Moſes Hunter, Archibald Stuart, John Nicholas, Samuel Hawes, Jacob Morton, French Strother, Spencer Roane, William Gatewood, William Pickett, George Clendinnen, Ralph Humphreys, Iſaac Vanmiter, Turner Southall, Nathaniel Wilkinſon, Benjamin Pope, Francis Peyton, John Glenn, Robert Sayers, John Brackenridge, John Kearnes, James Maddiſon, Charles Porter, Benjamin Lankford, William Mayo, William Ronald, John Bowyer, John Hays, Gawin Hamilton, John Hopkins, Iſaac Zane, John Taylor (of Southampton) Thomas Towles, Mann Page, William Brent, Thomas Edmonds (of Suſſex) John Howell Briggs, James Montgomery, and Thomas Matthews.

And the names of thoſe who voted in the negative are, John Cropper, Thomas Parramore, Benjamin Harriſon, Bernard Markham, Carter Henry Harriſon, James Pendleton, William Watkins, Joſeph Jones (of Dinwiddie) Miles King, George Wray, Alexander Henderſon, John Marſhall, Thomas Smith, James Hubard, Garland Anderſon, Bartlett Anderſon, John Scaſbrook Wills, Philip Barbour, Joſeph Jones (of King George) William Thornton, James Ball, Richard Bland Lee, William Anderſon, Francis Corbin, William Curtis, Willis Riddick, Kinchen Godwin, Daniel Sandford, Lyttleton Eyre, John Thornton, Richard Bibb, Edmund Ruffin, Thomas Walke, Carter Baſſett Harriſon, John Allen, Richard Lee, Nathaniel Nelſon, and Henry Tazewell.

On a motion made, *Reſolved*, That the engroſſed Bill eſtabliſhing a proviſion for the teachers of the Chriſtian religion, together with the names of the ayes and noes on the queſtion to poſtpone the third reading of the ſaid Bill to the fourth Thurſday in November next, be publiſhed in hand-bills and twelve copies thereof delivered to each member of the General Aſſembly, to be diſtributed in their reſpective Counties; and that the people thereof be requeſted to ſignify their opinion reſpecting the adoption of ſuch a Bill, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Extract from the Journal.

JOHN BECKLEY, C. H. D.

A BILL Eſtabliſhing a PROVISION for TEACHERS of the CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

WHEREAS the general diffuſion of Chriſtian knowledge hath a natural tendency to correct the morals of men, reſtrain their vices, and preſerve the peace of ſociety, which cannot be effected without a competent proviſion for learned teachers, who may be thereby enabled to devote their time and attention to the duty of inſtructing ſuch citizens, as from their circumſtances and want of education, cannot otherwiſe attain ſuch knowledge; and it is judged that ſuch proviſion may be made by the Legiſlature, without counteracting the liberal principle heretofore adopted and intended to be preſerved by aboliſhing all diſtinctions of preeminence amongſt the different ſocieties or communities of Chriſtians;

Be it therefore enacted by the General Aſſembly, That for the ſupport of Chriſtian teachers, per centum on the amount, or in the pound on the ſum payable for tax on the property within this Commonwealth, is hereby aſſeſſed, and ſhall be paid by every perſon chargeable with the ſaid tax at the time the ſame ſhall become due; and the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties ſhall have power to levy and collect the ſame in the ſame manner and under the like reſtrictions and limitations, as are or may be preſcribed by the laws for raiſing the revenues of this State.

And be it enacted, That for every ſum ſo paid, the Sheriff or Collector ſhall give a receipt, expreſſing therein to what ſociety of Chriſtians the perſon from whom he may receive the ſame ſhall direct the money to be paid, keeping a diſtinct account thereof in his books. The Sheriff of every County, ſhall, on or before the day of in every year, return to the Court upon oath, two alphabetical liſts of the payments to him made, diſtinguiſhing in columns oppoſite to the names of the perſons who ſhall have paid the ſame, the ſociety to which the money ſo paid was by them appropriated; and one column for the names where no appropriation ſhall be made. One of which liſts, after being recorded in a book to be kept for that purpoſe, ſhall be filed by the Clerk in his office; the other ſhall by the Sheriff be fixed up in the Court-houſe, there to remain for the inſpection of all concerned. And the Sheriff, after deducting five per centum for the collection, ſhall forthwith pay to ſuch perſon or perſons as ſhall be appointed to receive the ſame by the Veſtry, Elders, or Directors, however denominated of each ſuch ſociety, the ſum ſo ſtated to be due to that ſociety; or in default thereof, upon the motion of ſuch perſon or perſons to the next or any ſucceeding Court, execution ſhall be awarded for the ſame againſt the Sheriff and his ſecurity, his and their executors or adminiſtrators; provided that ten days previous notice be given of ſuch motion. And upon every ſuch execution, the Officer ſerving the ſame ſhall proceed to immediate ſale of the eſtate taken, and ſhall not accept of ſecurity for payment at the end of three months, nor to have the goods forthcoming at the day of ſale, for his better direction wherein, the Clerk ſhall endorſe upon every ſuch execution that no ſecurity of any kind ſhall be taken.

And be it further enacted, That the money to be raiſed by virtue of this act, ſhall be by the Veſtries, Elders, or Directors of each religious ſociety, appropriated to a proviſion for a Miniſter or Teacher of the Goſpel of their denomination, or the providing places of divine worſhip, and to none other uſe whatſoever; except in the denominations of Quakers and Menoniſts, who may receive what is collected from their members, and place it in their general fund, to be diſpoſed of in a manner which they ſhall think beſt calculated to promote their particular mode of worſhip.

And be it enacted, That all ſums which at the time of payment to the Sheriff or Collector may not be appropriated by the perſon paying the ſame, ſhall be accounted for with the Court in manner as by this Act is directed; and after deducting for his collection, the Sheriff ſhall pay the amount thereof (upon account certified by the Court to the Auditors of Public Accounts, and by them to the Treaſurer) into the Public Treaſury, to be diſpoſed of under the direction of the General Aſſembly, for the encouragement of ſeminaries of learning within the Counties whence ſuch ſums ſhall ariſe, and to no other uſe or purpoſe whatſoever.

THIS Act ſhall commence, and be in force, from and after the day of in the year

A Copy from the Engroſſed Bill.

JOHN BECKLEY, C. H. D.

PARIS, December 2.

BY a courier arrived at the Count de Merci's we are informed, that the Emperor firmly perſiſts in his intentions. Though the anſwer of his Imperial Majeſty is not yet come, it is very probable that it will be in ſubſtance conformable to the intelligence brought by the ſaid courier. In conſequence arrangements are made for the aſſembling of two armies. The Prince of Conde has ſolicited the command of the ſecond; its vanguard will be commanded by M. de Bouille. Mareſchal de Broglio will be General of the firſt army, and its vanguard will be commanded by M. de Rochambeau. M. de Maillebois, it is ſaid, will be demanded by the States-General to command their forces, and it is thought that the King will grant him permiſſion.

LONDON, November 25.

A number of Lieutenants in our navy have applied to the Admiralty for leave to engage in the ſervice of the Emperor, in the preſent conteſt with the Dutch. They have received a peremtory refuſal.

AUTHENTIC INTELLIGENCE,

Communicated by a gentleman juſt arrived from the Continent.

Monſ. de Vergennes's politics prevail, and France means to take a part with the Dutch.

The Queen is highly incenſed—her letters to Vienna are leſs frequent than ever they have been.

Three encampments of the forces of France will take place in the Low Countries; each encampment will conſiſt of 20,000 men.

Dec. 18. The Prince Stadtholder has appointed Prince Frederick of Heſſe Caſſel, Lieutenant-General in the ſervice of the Republic, to be Governor of Maeſtricht, in lieu of the Prince of Naſſau Weilbourg.

Dec. 20. The foreign prints ſpeak with the ſame uncertainty of the iſſue of the preſent conteſt between the Dutch and the Emperor. Nothing deciſive is yet to be gathered from the proceedings on either ſide.

Dec. 21. The Emperor has been preparing for the preſent campaign for more than four years paſt; his journies to France and Ruſſia were evidently made with a political view; and there is no doubt but he has a perfect underſtanding with thoſe two courts, and a confidence of ſupport rather than oppoſition from either of them.

Government has made contracts with the corn-factors and meal-dealers for large quantities of grain. They told them that a ſupply would be wanted as great as during the moſt violent rage of the late war, and that they muſt provide it from every quarter. No hint was given of the reaſon of this extraordinary demand. It certainly is an indication of hoſtilities on the continent; and if we are not to be perſonally involved, that at leaſt we are to enter into the intereſt of one of the powers, and furniſh them with ſupplies. We leave the comment to our readers.

CHARLESTON, *(South-Carolina) Feb.* 8.

The following is a real extract from a letter of the celebrated Dr. Franklin, to a friend in London, as the ſagacity of remarks which it diſcovers, will eaſily evince.

"The political world, within the laſt half century, has aſſumed a variety of aſpects, and from preſent appearances, it is ſtill as unſettled as ever. The States of Europe are ripe for ſlavery, and their reſpective governments are ready and prone to take every advantage of the people. It is not eaſy to decypher the various problematical governments of the ſeveral powers on the continent; but there is none of them which does not ſeem very much intereſted in the politics of England. Your patriots have certainly ſerved their country. The reform which they broached is the only expedient the poor peaſantry of England have yet in reſerve to protect themſelves from plunder and deſpotiſm. The Iriſh may probably make a bad cauſe of a very good one. The flame in that country ſeems too rapid and fierce to be laſting; thoſe of property expect nothing but ruin from the idleneſs and diſſipation of their dependants; and in this ſituation it requires more public ſpirit than they have yet diſcovered to refuſe a bribe. The Scotch are a ſelfiſh, but cool, intrepid and ingenious people. They will carry their object, becauſe they adopt no meaſures which are not rational, and plauſible! How truly reſpectable and great does the French King appear, in the midſt of all theſe political intrigues and impending revolutions. His memory will go down to poſterity, loaded with glory; it will be ſaid of him, that he protected the States-General from the ſavage graſp of imperial tyranny. It is not impoſſible but it may alſo be ſaid of him, that both Ireland and Scotland were emancipated by his means from their preſent miſerable ſubjection to their haughty Engliſh taſk-maſters."

NEW-YORK, February 23.

Married on the 26th of October laſt, at Pool, in England, Dr. Silveſter Gardiner, formerly of Boſton, aged 80, to Miſs Catharine Goldthwait, of 28, daughter of Thomas Goldthwait, Eſq; late of Penobſcot, in New-England. Mr. Goldthwait had a ſon of 24, not long ſince married to the widow Primate, of Walthamſtowe, aged 70, ſo that the father can ſay what few people can boaſt of, that he has a ſon-in-law, and a daughter-in-law, both of whom are ſeveral years older than himſelf, he being only 66.

The following Addreſs of the Artificers, Tradeſmen and Mechanics of this city, to the Honorable the Continental Congreſs, now ſitting here, was preſented a few days ſince, by a Committee appointed for that purpoſe:

To the Honorable the UNITED STATES, in Congreſs aſſembled.

The humble ADDRESS of the Artificers, Tradeſmen and Mechanics of the city of NEW-YORK.

FROM our ſuperior ſufferings in the late glorious ſtruggle for freedom, we cannot be inſenſible of the great change produced in the bleſſings of peace, or ungrateful to the auguſt body we have the honor to addreſs.

To the wiſdom, fortitude and reſolution of Congreſs (under the favorable auſpices of Divine Providence) in directing the arms of our country and its allies to victory, we are indebted for our domeſtic happineſs, with every thing that ought to be dear to freemen; we therefore beg leave, in the moſt cordial manner, to welcome your arrival in this city, and aſſure you, we ſhall be happy to render your reſidence amongſt us comfortable to you individually, as it is honorable to us.

Placing an entire confidence in Congreſs, and deriving our greateſt ſecurity from the paſt conduct of the ſupreme council of the nation, we ſincerely hope our repreſentatives will coincide with the other States in augmenting your power to every exigency of the union.

We truſt very ſhortly to ſee a finiſhing hand put to the great temple which has been reared to liberty, and that the names of the architects who erected it, will be handed to remoteſt poſterity with never-fading laurels.

Signed by order,

Robert Boyd, jun.	John Burger,
Daniel Niven,	Edward Meeks,
Henry Bicker,	Jeremiah Wool.
John Stagg,	

To which the Secretary, by order of Congreſs, returned the following anſwer:

To the Artificers, Tradeſmen and Mechanics of the city of New-York.

I HAVE it in command to inform the Artificers, Tradeſmen and Mechanics of the city of New-York, that their cordial welcome and expreſſions of confidence, could not fail to be agreeably received by the United States in Congreſs aſſembled; and that while Congreſs acknowledge the goodneſs of Divine Providence in concluding the American revolution,

they experience additional gratitude in contemplating the happineſs of thoſe who have ſuffered ſo ſeverely by the calamities of war.

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

March 1. By the ſnow Sophia Magdalena, Capt. Loſtenburgh, arrived laſt Friday from Liſbon, we have accounts from one of the moſt reſpectable houſes there, that an expreſs had the day the veſſel ſailed, brought poſitive aſſurances that the Emperor of Germany had, with the cuſtomary formalities, declared war againſt the United States of Holland.

PHILADELPHIA, March 4.

Extract of a letter from London, dated Nov. 26.

"At length the arrangement for which Mr. Pitt's party in the cabinet has been contending againſt the Bedford's for theſe five months, is concluded. Earl Gower has at length yielded, and yeſterday the privy-ſeal was brought to the cabinet by Mr. Nepean, one of the commiſſioners, and delivered into the cuſtody of the noble Earl. Lord Camden is appointed preſident of the council, and took his ſeat accordingly. This arrangement was propoſed by Mr. Pitt ſome months ago, but Earl Gower refuſed to yield the chair, and Lord Camden would accept of no other place. Mr. Prat was ſent over to Ireland to negotiate the matter with the noble Lord, and his anſwer was peremptory. The reaſon of Lord Gower's obſtinacy was the deſire of that party to introduce Lord Shelburne, which was incompatible with Lord Camden's coming in, as the latter had publicly declared he never would ſerve with the former. His having now come into the preſident's chair, therefore, is a concluſive proof that the Earl of Shelburne is not to be introduced into the cabinet. Accordingly the report is, that he is to be made a Marquis, together with Earl Temple, upon which they are to give their ſupport to the ſyſtem. The Duke of Grafton has alſo engaged to give his countenance to miniſtry, but does not come into office. This new arrangement gives them no poſitive acceſſion of ſtrength, but the ſtruggle is over, and Mr. Pitt has triumphed in keeping the Earl of Shelburne out without throwing him into the oppoſite ſcale, in which, however, he would have been no welcome weight."

A number of gentlemen, taking into conſideration the great importance of agriculture, met in this city on Tueſday laſt, and formed a ſociety for the purpoſe of promoting improvements within the States—ſimilar to what have advanced the huſbandry of moſt of the ſtates of Europe, to a degree that ought to raiſe our apprehenſions and inſpire every American with active endeavours to keep pace with them; and if it can be, to equal them, in this great object.

It appears by the foreign papers, that although both the Auſtrians and the Dutch are determined to perſiſt in their own ſeparate intereſts, they manifeſt an unwillingneſs to proceed to extremities, without, at leaſt, doing every thing in their power to avoid them. The Emperor's anſwer, however, is what muſt determine the whole; and it is anxiouſly expected by the States-General.—It is rather remarkable that the States-General have not provided an ally, unleſs it be true that France has promiſed aſſiſtance; and it is equally remarkable that the other powers do not ſeem to interpoſe as mediators.

MARCH 7.

Extract of a letter from Caen, in Normandy, to a gentleman in New-York, dated December 20.

"There is a new circumſtance which bids fair to embarraſs trade. War is certainly declared by the Emperor againſt the Hollanders.—Hoſtilities commenced the 6th inſtant. The Imperial forces attacked ſeveral of the Dutch forts, which induced them to open their ſluices, and cauſe a moſt direful inundation, which has drowned a great part of the Imperial Low Countries.—The mediation of France has been rejected by the Emperor, and there is great reaſon to fear that this unlucky quarrel will ſet all Europe in flames."

ALEXANDRIA, March 17.

"A Gentleman reading in the Annual Regiſter for 1781, ingenious "Thoughts on the Rot in Sheep, by Benjamin Price;" and therein meeting with the following Aſſertions, viz. "Salt is pernicious to moſt Inſects; they never infeſt Gardens where Sea-Weed is laid:" It immediately occurred to him, that, if ſo, the loſs of various excellent young Plants, deſtroyed by Inſects in the Beginning of Spring might be prevented, by laying freſh Sea-Weed near the Plants, or, when Diſtance hinders the obtaining of Sea-Weed, Hay well ſteeped in a ſtrong Brine. It is ſuppoſed, that the ſalted Hay, if not fouled with Dirt, will afterward be an acceptable Food to Cattle."

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in Liſbon to his Correſpondent in this Town, dated December 1, 1784.

"The War, of late declared between the Emperor and States of Holland, is ſuppoſed will have ſome Influence on our Eaſt-India Goods, which have hitherto ſold to ſuch an enormous Loſs for the Proprietors.——In the North great Speculations have already taken Place—Nobody chooſes to ſell at the old Prices here.—We wiſh and hope it will be the ſame Caſe with you, that our Teas may come to a good Market."

The Chance, Captain Stafford, from London, is arrived in James-River.

NAVAL-OFFICE, ALEXANDRIA.

Inward Entries. Brig Dolphin, S. Babſon, from Martinico; Schooner Lottery, T. Mann, Baltimore; Brig Marquis de la Fayette, B. Bradhurſt, Aux Cayes.

Cleared Outwards. Ship Heer Adams, M. Collins, and Ship Lyon, J. Chaſe, for L'Orient; Ship Hazard, T. New, London; Sloop Dolphin, B. Rice, Philadelphia; Ship Stanley, J. Woods, Liverpool.

PUBLIC VENDUE.

On Monday next the 21ſt Inſtant, being Fairfax Court-Day, will be Sold at the Public Vendue-Store, oppoſite the Court-Houſe,

TWO valuable Virginia-born SLAVES, one a Man about 33 years of age, a complete ſawyer; the other a Lad about 19 years old who has been ſome time at the carpenters' buſineſs.——Rum in hogſheads, coffee in bags and barrels, allſpice in bags, a quantity of Rhode-Iſland cheeſe and butter, candles, ſoap, chocolate, ſailcloth, white and brown Iriſh linens, calicoes and printed linens, womens' ſtays, ſhirts, ſhoes, oſnaburg thread, ſewing ſilk, ribbons, tapes, garterings, gauzes, modes, diapers, pins, Morocco-leather pocket-books with ſilver claſps, ſilver watches, plated buckles, carpenters' axes, nails, &c. &c. &c.

CYRUS COPPER, Vendue-Maſter.

Alexandria, March 14, 1785.

AT PRIVATE SALE.

☞ Hadley's quadrants, ſcales, dividers, ſpy-glaſſes of the beſt kind, Moore's navigation, ſeamans' aſſiſtants, mariners compaſſes, blank journals, German and common ſteel, pit and croſſcut ſaws, BOHEA and GREEN TEA in quarter cheſts, all of which will be ſold very reaſonable for ready caſh.

C. COPPER.

OBSCURITY,

Imported from England laſt Fall, by Meſſieurs Benjamin and John Crocket,

Stands this ſeaſon at Harmony-Hall, about 12 miles from Baltimore-Town, and three miles from Dr. Lyon's and Samuel Owing's Mills, and will begin to cover on the 25th of March next, at Six Guineas a Mare, and One Dollar to the Groom. He is a dark cheſtnut, 16 hands three inches high, well proportioned, and equal in figure to any horſe on the continent, was bred by Lord Milford, got by Col. O'Kelly's Eclipſe, his dam (which is own ſiſter to Croney) by Careleſs, his grandam by Cullen Arabian, his great grandam by North-Country Diamond, great great grandam by a ſon of Sir John Harper's Barb, and out of the Old Child Mare, who was the dam of Lord Tracy's Whimſey, and great great grandam of Careleſs. This Horſe was ſix years old laſt graſs; at four years old he won a match of 200 Guineas, and a £. 50 plate. Eclipſe, his ſire, was never beat, and is now the firſt ſtallion in England; Careleſs the ſire of his dam, won nine King's plates, and was never beat.

Paſturage will be provided for Mares, at Three Shillings per week, and good care taken of them, but will not be anſwerable for eſcapes, or other accidents.—To prevent trouble, it is requeſted the Money may be ſent with the Mares.

Feb. 24, 1785. JOHN FORMAN.

RAN away from the Subſcriber living in Auguſta County, on the 18th of January laſt, an Iriſh Servant Man, named JEREMIAH FLANNERY, of a fair complexion, ſpeaks much on the brogue, about 22 years of age, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, a little knock-kneed, ſtoops a little when he walks, ſlender made, has ſhort brown hair that juſt ties behind, and is a breeches-maker by trade: He had on and took with him a ſky-blue cloth coat, with long ſkirts and lappelled at the breaſt, a new felt hat, check ſhirt with ſome white patches on it, one white ditto, a pair of old buckſkin breeches, two pair of ſtockings, half-worn ſhoes, and a blackiſh hunting-ſhirt.—I expect he will change his name and clothes.—Whoever takes up ſaid Servant and delivers him to me, ſhall have THREE POUNDS Reward, and reaſonable charges, if taken in this State, and if out of the State, TWENTY DOLLARS Reward, paid by WILLIAM ANDERSON.

Feb. 7, 1785.

To be SOLD Cheap for Caſh or Flour, on Board the Brig Dolphin, lying at Captain Conway's Wharf,

About Forty Caſks of good Molaſſes.

Alexandria, March 16, 1785.

FOR HAMBURG,

THE Brig LIBERTY Captain JAMES NIXON, will ſail in three weeks, having all her cargo, except thirty hogſheads engaged, which ſhe will take on Freight.—Said Brig has good accommodations for Paſſengers, and will take three or four.—For terms apply to the Captain on board, at Captain Conway's wharf, or to JOHN MURRAY and CO. at their ſtore in Fairfax-ſtreet, where may be had very cheap, pickled codfiſh in barrels, Jamaica and Weſt-India rum, liver oil, chalk, an aſſortment of iron caſtings, ſpermaceti candles, a few thouſand feet of well ſeaſoned Albany boards clear of knots for inſide work.

Alexandria, March 15, 1785.

THE Subſcriber begs leave to acquaint his friends and the public in general, that after many years private and public practice in the hoſpitals in Europe and America, he has ſettled at Mr. John Short's, where he deſigns following his profeſſion.—Any family honoring him with their buſineſs, may depend on every attention being paid them, by their moſt obedient and moſt humble ſervant,

J. APEDAILE.

Alexandria, March 12, 1785.

To be SOLD in Berkeley County,

TWO Thouſand Five Hundred acres of LAND, adjoining to the land I have given to my ſon, Mr. James Wormeley.—The goodneſs and fertility of this land are ſo well known, that any particular deſcription of its ſoil is unneceſſary.——It is convenient to merchant-mills, ſaw-mills, the market-town of Wincheſter, to churches, and meeting-houſes.—I ſhall be in Berkeley in May or the beginning of June.—In my abſence either my ſon, Mr. James Wormeley may be applied to, or Mr. Nicholas Roper who lives near the land, will ſhew it, and receive propoſals from thoſe who wiſh to become purchaſers.—It may be laid off in lots of two or three hundred acres, or more or leſs in quantity, or ſold in one body to ſuit the purchaſers.—Six months credit will be given for half the ſums, and twelve for the other half.—Intereſt from ſigning the bonds will be required in failure of payment at the time they ſhall become due.

RALPH WORMELEY.

Roſegill, March 3, 1785.

Found,

By Laz, a Slave belonging to M'Crea and Meaſe,

A Box, containing a Parcel of Leather INK-HOLDERS.—The Owner may have it again by applying at the Poſt-Office, proving Property, and paying the Charge of this Advertiſement.

Alexandria, March 15, 1785.

To be Rented for the enſuing Seaſon,

THE Fiſheries at Belvoir, one of which is allowed to be one of the beſt Herring Fiſheries on Potomack River,—The other Shores are not much inferior.—For Terms apply to

BATTAILE MUSE.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the ſubſcriber on the night of the 12th inſtant, a likely black raw-boned country-born Fellow, named WILL, who is very artful and roguiſh, and is ſuppoſed to have been guilty of felony which is the ſuppoſed cauſe of his elopement; he is about forty years of age, of the middle ſize, ſtands wide between the knees, and when ſtanding ſtoops in his knees, has long ſlim feet, large ancles, long heels, and has a hump on his breaſt; he is a very handy fellow in plantation buſineſs, drives carriages well, a good ploughman, can ſtock ploughs, underſtands ſtacking and mowing, and can do the common carpenter jobs neceſſary on a plantation; having a variety of clothes his dreſs cannot be deſcribed.—Eight Dollars will be given if taken up twenty-five miles from home or under, and reaſonable travelling charges paid if brought home, and ſo in proportion to the amount of the above reward.—Said Negro is ſuppoſed to be in company with white men on their way to the ſouthern States.

Feb. 14, 1785. LEWIS ELLZEY.

TO BE SOLD,

THREE valuable Negro MEN, well acquainted with the Ropemaking Buſineſs.—Inquire of CHARLES STEWART at Annapolis.

Feb. 9, 1785.

DYER,

Hair Cutter and Dreſſer from London,

DRESSES ladies' and gentlemens' hair in the moſt elegant and approved manner.—He may be found at his lodgings at Mr. Storm's facing Mr. Biterman's, brewer, in Queen-ſtreet.

☞ He makes ladies' curls, dreſſing, plain and elaſtic cuſhions, and all kinds of falſe hair, in ſuch a manner as not to be eaſily diſcovered.

Alexandria, March 15, 1785.

POETRY.

EPIGRAMS.

"DICK, after drunk, when crop-sick, gravely swore
That whilst he breath'd, he never wou'd drink more;
Dick daily tipsy grows, not perjur'd thinks
Himself, but swears he breaths not whilst he drinks."

"I heard last week, friend Edward, thou wast dead;
—I'm very glad to hear it too, cries Ned."

Craik and Company,

At their Store near the Corner of Fairfax and King Streets, have just opened and ready for sale a large and general Assortment of MEDICINES, consisting of

PERUVIAN Bark,	Flower of Sulphur,
Red Bark,	Sulphur of Antimony,
Jalap,	Crude Antimony,
Rhubarb,	Tartar Emetic,
Ipecacuanha,	Cream of Tartar,
Gentian,	Calomel,
Orange Peel,	Aloes,
Zedoary,	Manna,
Valerian,	Magnesia,
Liquorice,	Alum,
Senna,	Cantharides,
Glauber Salts,	Sago,
Epsom Ditto,	Gum Camphor,
Nitre,	—— Opium,
Salt of Wormwood,	—— Assafœtida,
Ditto of Steel,	—— Guaci,
Ditto of Tartar,	—— Arabic,
Ditto of Hartshorn, &c.	—— Ammoniac, &c.

PATENT MEDICINES.

TURLINGTON's	Haerlem Oil,
Balsam,	Greenough's Tincture,
Hooper's Pills,	Hill's Balsam,
Lockyer's Ditto,	James's Powders,
Anderson's Ditto,	Squire's Elixir,
Bateman's Drops,	Godfrey's Cordial,
Jesuit's ditto,	Stoughton's Bitters, &c.

The above are a fresh Importation of the first Quality, and will be Sold in large or small Quantities, upon as good Terms as they can be purchased any where upon the Continent.—Orders from Gentlemen or Practioners in any Part of the Country, will be carefully and punctually executed upon the shortest Notice.

Alexandria, March 9, 1785.

PATRICK GOOLDING, returns his sincere and grateful thanks to the ladies and gentlemen of this town, and the public in general, for the kind encouragement he has hitherto met with since his arrival here. He respectfully informs them that he keeps his SCHOOL in the room that Mr. M'Iver kept his in, where he faithfully promises to pay the strictest attention to the education and improvement of the children committed to his care. He would willingly instruct a few young ladies and gentlemen, at their houses in the evenings.

Alexandria, March 8, 1785.

Berkely County, Feb. 11, 1785.

BY a power of attorney to me directed from Nathaniel Lyttleton Savage, Esq; I am authorised to sell on the 29th of March next, the PLANTATION whereon Mr. Rich Willis lately moved from, lying in the aforesaid County, near Keys's Ferry; it contains Four Hundred acres, has a neat well finished dwelling-house on it, some out-houses, a good spring, a large stream running through it, and about 8 or 10 acres of valuable meadow-ground; the land is good in quality, level and in a neighbourhood of genteel families. The purchaser upon paying half the cash down, and giving bond with approved security for the balance to be paid in six months, will have possession given on the first of January next, and an undoubted title, by

GILES COOK jun.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or stolen from the Subscribers some time in May last, a bay MARE, about fourteen hands and an half high, six years old, branded G R, though not easily discerned, with a star in her forehead, a small snip in her nose, the right hind footlock white, has a number of grey hairs round the root of her tail, and is a natural trotter. ——A bay horse COLT, one year old, was lost at the same time, and is supposed to have been taken off with her.——Whoever delivers the said Mare and Colt to the Subscribers, shall receive the above reward, or Ten Dollars for either.

RICHARD ARELL,
GEORGE MASON.

Alexandria, March 14, 1785.

FOR SALE,

A Few Gross of empty Bottles.—Inquire of Capt. ROBERTSON on board the Lilly, or DANIEL and ISAAC M'PHERSON.

☞ A Person well recommended to act as Second Mate of a Ship, will meet with Encouragement by applying as above.

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

To be Sold on Thursday the 7th Day of April next agreeable to the last Will and Testament of William Douglass, Esq; deceased, at his late Dwelling-House, for Ready-Money,

A TRACT of LAND in the Parish of Shelburne, in Loudon County, Virginia, containing 150 acres, near said dwelling-house, formerly purchased of Edward Dulin, whose heir will join in the conveyance, on the purchasers paying to him the first purchase-money, which is infinitely short of the value of the land; at the same time will also be sold for ready-money, 30 acres of LAND called the Smith's-Shop-Field, contiguous to said dwelling-house, purchased of Thomas Awbrey; also 70 acres of LAND adjoining the Smith's Shop-Field, likewise purchased of Thomas Awbrey; and also all the right and title of 535 acres of LAND, purchased of John Sinclair, known by the name of Hawling's-Bottom, on Potomack River, of which the said William Douglass died in possession of only 365 acres; likewise a vacancy of 8 acres adjoining said Hawling's land, for which there is a deed, and 12 acres of LAND more adjoining said 8 acres, lying on the river, purchased of Thomas Awbrey.—— The reason that the dwelling-house and other improvements of the said William Douglass, together with 900 acres of land to which they belong, are not now advertised, is that they are included in two mortgages with which the subscriber does not choose to intermeddle until the equity of redemption is foreclosed, as he thinks them encumbered beyond what they will sell for.—The plots will be shewn and explained on the day of sale to such persons as may be disposed to purchase; and as the day of sale has been put off two different times, owing to the badness of the weather, if the above day should be foul, the premises advertised will be sold the next fair day.

HUGH DOUGLASS, Executor.

Feb. 14, 1785.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

WAS taken away from the Subscriber's Plantation, on Shenandoah, Berkely County, near the Blomary, a likely young Virginia-born NEGRO WENCH, about 17 years of age, full-breasted, remarkably black, round-faced, and upwards of 5 feet high: She took with her a coarse white linsey jacket, a striped linsey petticoat, a white linen coat and apron, a white handkerchief, straw hat, very ordinary shoes and stockings, and was brought up to plantation work.—She was taken off by GEORGE LEWIS, a Dutchman, who speaks broken English, and formerly lived at Alexandria, but of late was a waggoner to Capt. Brady: He is a short thick fellow, of a pale complexion, and has light brown hair; had on when he went away a pea jacket lined with white flannel, a pair of breeches of the same colour, and a felt hat half worn.—Whoever apprehends the said Fellow and Wench, and secures them so that I get them again, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges paid if brought home. BENJAMIN RANKINS.

Feb. 13, 1785.

Brenton, Virginia, Prince-William County, Jan. 8, 1785.

On Monday the 4th of April next, if fair, if not the next fair Day, will be offered for Sale, at Mr. William M'Daniel's Tavern, in the Town of Dumfries,

ABOUT 4000 acres of LAND, being part of that noted tract of land, called and well known by the name of the Brenton-Tract; it lies about 17 miles from Dumfries, 30 or 35 from Alexandria, and 28 from Fredericksburg.—At Dumfries the nighest navigation, there is always a good and ready market for every kind of country produce, and the two last mentioned towns are the most considerable on the two rivers of Potomack and Rappahannock.—This land produces very good tobacco, wheat, corn, &c. is particularly well adapted to farming, being very level, can always be improved with little expence, and is remarked for its superior excellence in producing wheat; there is on it some land which may be converted into good meadow land, and 12 or 14 good merchant mills within 30 miles, three of them as nigh as 8 miles.—The tobacco made on the land is esteemed among the best carried to Dumfries, the best inspection on Potomack.—The land will be laid off in lots of 1, 2 or 300 acres.—Three years credit will be given, provided the interest is regularly and punctually paid.—Bond carrying interest from the day of sale, with approved and sufficient security, will be required.—The land will be shewn by the subscriber living on the premises.—Several blooded Nags will be sold at the same time.

DANIEL CARROLL BRENT.

Robert Adam,

HAS for sale, old Jamaica spirits, West-India rum, coffee, sugar and cocoa.——Also, a general assortment of DRY-GOODS, and QUEEN's-WARE, which he will sell on very reasonable terms, for cash or country produce.—He has to let, on Ground-Rent for ever, Twenty-Nine LOTS under the bank, all made ground, between Water and Union streets, and also on the east side of Union-street, and thence running along Princess-street, all of which are very well calculated for trade, and the accommodation of tradesmen, and very convenient to deep water, where vessels of any burthen may load and unload.—The terms may be known by applying to said Adam, Mr. John Lomax, or Mr. William Ward, where a plan of said Lots may be seen.

March 1, 1785.

ALL persons that are indebted to the estate of Doctor WILLIAM RUMNEY, deceased, are once more desired to come and pay off their balances, so that the subscriber may be enabled to pay off the debts due from that estate, those who do not comply with this request, in three months from this date, may expect that suits will be immediately commenced against them.

ROBERT ADAM, Executor.

March 1, 1785.

West-India Goods,

Of every Kind, to be Sold on very low Terms, for Cash, Tobacco, Hemp or Flour, by

John Murray and Co.

Also, a few Cags of fine old Coniac Brandy, and Frontigniac Wine in small Cases.

☞ They will exchange a small Quantity of Salt to receive Fish in Payment early in the Season.

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

N. B. A general Assortment of European GOODS as usual.

THE Subscriber has on hand about Eleven Hundred Pounds, sterling, worth of MEDICINES, SHOP-FURNITURE and SURGEONS INSTUMENTS, a large proportion thereof not yet opened, and all imported from Europe within eight months past; which quantity being found much too large for the common demand of this place, he will divide the whole with any gentleman in want of such a supply, and sell one half at first cost by the invoice: —Any person inclining to purchase will find the Medicines well assorted, and laid in on as advantageous terms as any that have been imported since the peace; and they may be divided for the most part without breaking packages.—The other half he will retail by the pound, for ready money or short credit, at an advance of 25 per cent. on the original cost, which is considerably lower than they are sold by retail any where on the continent.

W. BROWN.

Alexandria, Feb. 8, 1785.

☞ FOR the Accommodation of travelling Gentlemen and others, the Subscriber will let Boys and Horses.—The Boys can be well recommended, and are acquainted with most of the Public Roads and Towns in Virginia.—Inquire at Messrs. Lomax, Ward, or Wise's Taverns.

ROGER CHEW.

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

Wright and Long,

Taylors and Ladies Habit-Makers, from Philadelphia,

TAKE this method of informing their friends and the public in general, that they have commenced business at the corner of King and Royal streets, next door to Mr. M'Knight's.—Such gentlemen as please to favor them with their custom may rely on being served with the greatest elegance and despatch.—Said WRIGHT and LONG take the liberty of returning their sincerest thanks to those who have already been pleased to favor them with their commands, and hope, by their skill and attention to business, to merit a continuance of their favors.

Alexandria, Feb. 22, 1785.

THE sale of the LANDS I advertised a few weeks ago, is postponed from unavoidable causes, the Maryland Tract to the 20th of March, and the Virginia Tract to the 2d day of April.—They will then be sold upon the terms communicated in the postscript of the advertisement above alluded to. PEREGRINE FITZHUGH.

Feb. 27, 1785.

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